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1. The 1953 BGFIEND operations will continue on approximately the same scale as those in 1952, unless it becomes the policy to attempt to overthrow the Hoxha regime during the coming year. In the absence of such an all-out operation we plan to continue our two types of agent operations: penetration and harassment. Our operations will be coordinated with those of VALUABLE, as in the past.

- a. The 1953 penetration operations will follow the same pattern as those of 1952 and will aim at establishing new networks, each built around a high level agent, and at expanding the networks organized in 1952. These nets will, insofar as possible, seek to recruit and train local agents, provide a secure and dependable system of communications, and maintain such a level of clandestine organization within Albania as would permit the expansion of effective resistance activity when the moment is appropriate to overthrow the present regime. It is anticipated that approximately 10 such operations will be mounted in 1953, employing some 50 agents. It is planned to assign W/T operators to those agents who will be in a position to use W/T and can set up direct communication with the base.
- b. The harassment operations will be carefully coordinated with other agent operations against Albania and will be so planned as to minimize the risk of reprisals against the civilian population. The missions will be short-term with limited special assignments such as coup de main operations to provide incidents of propaganda and psychological warfare value for exploitation by the psychological warfare program.

2. The clandestine radio broadcasts will be continued on a regular schedule. At the same time publication of the newspaper Shqiperia on a semi-monthly basis and the News Bulletin approximately once a month will continue.

3. Leaflet and cartoon drops will be made at intervals of approximately every six weeks, as in 1952.

4. We hope that the ban on propaganda supply drops of scarce consumer goods will be lifted so that we can resume such drops.

5. It is our belief that we should continue the efforts now being made by our representatives [ ] to broaden the Committee along agreed upon lines.

6. It appears to us desirable to obtain as soon as possible clarification of Yugoslav intentions toward Albania. If their objectives are similar to ours we propose consideration of some type of coordination of BGFIEND/VALUABLE and Yugoslav activities.

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